

Morning Telegram.

GRAND RAPIDS, DEC. 23, 1884.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Coldwater has had very few fires the past year.

Good beech and maple wood is selling at 75 cents a cord at Otisville.

The Gale Manufacturing Company will rebuild on the old site at Albion.

The Light Guard polo team of Detroit was defeated by the Ann Arbor team Saturday night.

The gas question in Ann Arbor is still unsettled but the indications are favorable to electricity.

Fife Lake is to have a broom factory and wishes that some one would start a grist mill there.

County Clerk Hunter, of Adrian, has been presented with a gold-headed cane by the Board of Supervisors.

Articles of association of the Riverdale & Lake Michigan Railroad company have been filed with the Secretary of State.

An Adrian woman put some hot bricks in her bed to warm it, and the fire department was called out to put out the fire.

Dr. Reynolds has succeeded in inducing a hundred people to sign the red ribbon pledge since he has been in Muskegon.

An overflow from the water pipes in the Masonic lodge at Saginaw City, the other night, caused about \$50 worth of damage.

The packing-houses of McGrath & Co. and Schell & Co., Baltimore, Md., were destroyed by fire Sunday, causing a loss of \$50,000.

A Miss Matilda Jack, living at Mt. Clemens, choked to death Friday trying to swallow a piece of leaf lard. She was partially deranged.

Al. Gleason, of the Michigan Board of Health, died at Lansing yesterday of typhoid fever; he was a well-known writer on sanitary topics.

Some of the fruit-growers in the vicinity of Ann Arbor fear that the peach crop has been injured. It is rather early in the season to begin that complaint.

Henry Ashoff, of St. Joseph, who has been Supervisor of Royalltown township for many years, died at his home yesterday of consumption, aged 58 years.

George B. Green, a well-to-do farmer, whose home was two miles south of Albion, committed suicide by cutting his throat Sunday. Cause, ill health.

A brilliant meteor was seen through Jackson, Calhoun and Branch counties Saturday at 10 p. m. Shocks of its explosion were plainly felt in those counties.

Fred. Angell has been very fond of dogs, and owned some very fine ones; but on the night of their sheep-killing propensities he was obliged to dispose of them.

St. James Roman Catholic Church of Bay City was burned on Sunday night. The loss is placed at from \$8,000 to \$15,000, with partial insurance. Origin unknown.

Considerable silver is now being taken from one of the Ontonagon county copper mines, and some silver has also been taken out of the Oseola copper mines.

A freight train on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad was wrecked Friday night near Royal Oak. No lives were lost, but considerable damage was done.

About fifty local Democrats of Greenville presented Mr. William E. Hoyt, Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, with an elegant gold-headed cane on Friday evening.

The hardware firm of Stoelcher & Tinsel, of Monroe, which failed last Summer, has settled with the creditors at twenty-five cents on the dollar, and Tinsel will resume business.

An old man was found frozen in the woods a few miles north of Cadillac on Saturday afternoon, and the body was brought to Cadillac to be identified. He is yet unknown.

The Phillips Mining Company of Ishpeming has purchased forty acres, sunk a shaft and made a surface cut, which reached the vein. Twenty-five thousand dollars was the price paid.

Sheriff Bidwell, of Adrian, arrived home from Keweenaw Sunday evening, having in charge James G. Savage, charged with absconding from Lenawee county with his father-in-law's team.

The University closed on Friday for the Christmas holidays, and will reopen January 4, 1885. Many of the students have gone home, and the University consequently presents a deserted appearance.

The indications for coal at Cornum are still good. The drillers Friday night struck a vein of slate at a depth of about 652 feet. If coal is not struck operations will be suspended at a depth of 700 feet.

James Butler and William Tillman, the colored men charged with the burglary of the drug store of Lewis & Crofoot at Pontiac December 10, were arraigned in the Oakland Circuit on Saturday. They pleaded not guilty.

Edwin Russell, of Royal Oak, who had one of his legs severed from his body Saturday by the bursting of a fly wheel on a horse power cornstalk cutting machine, died yesterday. His father is a prominent citizen and ex-county official.

Burglars Sunday night entered the store of H. H. Brix, furrier, in Saginaw City, and carried off nearly \$1,000 worth of goods. The articles taken were principally seal-skin and included a doberman, a coat, several muffs and about twenty caps.

The financial embarrassments of the Iron River Railway Company have been adjusted satisfactory to the creditors and the construction of the works will be energetically pushed to completion. It is hoped to have the furnace in operation by the first of next June.

It is proposed to build a railway from Riverdale, Grant county, to Frankfort, Benzie county—a distance of 115 miles. The road is to be called the Riverdale & Lake Michigan railroad. The same parties have also organized a company to build a road from Coldwater to the Ohio line.

Col. O. H. Moore, of the regular army, who has recently been placed on the retired list after nearly thirty years' service, whose home is in Coldwater, has a violin 300 years old. It was made by Rupert, the famous violin-maker of Erfurt, Germany, and has been in Mr. Moore's family nearly eighty years.

Saturday, while Edwin Russell, of Royal Oak, aged about twenty-five, was feeding a horse-power cutting-box, the balance wheel broke and a piece went through his left leg, above the knee, shattering the bone. The leg was amputated, and he died from the shock at 3:40 Sunday. He leaves a widow and one child.

The case of The People vs. Ole Larson, tried at Muskegon, was given to the jury Saturday at 7 p. m., and at midnight they sent in word that they had agreed upon a verdict. The judge was awaiting the verdict at 1 o'clock Sunday morning the jury came in and rendered a verdict of "not guilty."

Honore Halden, aged 15, son of James S. Halden, the former editor of the Farwell Register, was accidentally shot by Hugh Clements while hunting rabbits Sunday, near Farwell. A full load of twelve buckshot passed through one of his legs, near the knee, shattering the bone for three inches. The doctors say the leg must come off.

The annual meeting of the Sheep Breeders' and Wool Growers' Association of Oakland county was held at Milford on Saturday. The following officers were elected: President, John L. Andrews, Milford; Vice President, A. W. Baker, Highland; Secretary, Lyman, Cato, Milford; Treasurer, John Gable, Milford; Directors for three years, E. A. Hildell, Hartland; Adam Dicks, Highland. Adjourned until Spring meeting.

LOST HIS IDENTITY.

Singular Experience of a Denver Man.

The Romance, Mystery and Extraordinary Incident Which An Attempt to Commit Suicide Revealed—A Mysterious Case of Mental Disease.

[Denver Letter.]

A few nights ago an event is known to have transpired in this city which turns out to possess an interest full of romance, mystery, and extraordinary incident. A young man, whose real name is withheld, attempted suicide by morphine. He was in very good circumstances, with a young and beautiful wife and several children, and it seemed hard to assign any reason for the act to those who did not know his history. Under strict promise of secrecy as to names, however, the police got the main facts in the case, and they have at length come under the watchful eye of a reporter.

Some years ago the young man whose attempt at self-destruction alarmed his family the other evening was one of the parties injured in a great railroad accident in Iowa. Taken to Omaha, he was brought back to life and consciousness, but beyond a sash marked with the initials "J. C. B.," there seemed no way at identifying him. No card or other mark of identification was found in either the lining of the bag or any part of the valise. It was to be presumed that the young man would, on regaining consciousness, be able to identify himself, but this did not prove to be the case. On the contrary, he was unable to tell who he was or where he came from.

His railroad ticket had been taken up and his sleeping-car ticket had evidently been left in the care of the porter. He was alive, but so far as his past life, was dead to all practical intents and purposes. In all other respects he was bright enough, and as soon as he recovered health went to work as a day laborer and gradually getting money ahead came to Denver. Fortune prospered him here and in other parts of Colorado. Adopting a name of his own selection he grew rich, and somehow never seemed to trouble himself in regard to his past life.

He fell in love with a beautiful Denver girl, and after a six months' courtship they were married. She bore to him several children. As they grew wealthier and they moved into a better house and began to entertain people, he happened to meet one day, at one of his little social parties, a man whose face and voice attracted his attention. Soon after the gentleman's visits to his house ceased unaccountably, and the young man rather worried himself over the circumstance, but soon forgot it in the press of other matters.

Some six months ago the young man having a business engagement, started for Chicago. Arriving in that city he happened to meet the very man who had called at his house in Denver. The man called on him at his hotel and asked him why he was living in Denver under a false name, telling him his real name and revealing to him the fact that a young girl to whom the young man had been engaged in the States had recently died broken-hearted with watching and waiting for tidings of a lover that came not. His parents, too, had both died, and the old farm where he had formerly lived was made the subject of much litigation. The young man slowly awoke to what he had been, and returned to New York State, where he recovered and put in shape the old homestead, but he felt that his family required his presence West again, and returned to Denver. But here the memory of his past life returned so vividly and the thought of the changes which his lost identity had wrought in his life worried him so much that he could scarcely eat or sleep.

But, remarkable as had been his experiences, a more remarkable one was to follow. He was recently thrown from his buggy in a runaway accident, and since that time he has lost consciousness of the new life, and he was found one night not long ago to have left the city for the East. Detectives were set on his trail and he was brought back. In this city he still denies that his wife or children belong to him, and declares that he will go back to his old love, who waits for him in the East. Explanations are unavailing, and it is feared that the last accident he met with deprived him of reason. His melancholy attempt at suicide strengthens this belief. Some of his physicians, however, believe that if his brain, already put to so much tension, is strong enough, an operation may be performed on it which may restore his mental balance. An intense mental shock is, however, more to be desired, and in some way or other this mysterious case of mental disease may yet find a satisfactory remedy.

The Ages of Monarchs.

[Exchange.]

The Emperor William is the oldest monarch in Europe. Queen Victoria is sixty-five. King Christian of Denmark is sixty-six, and his wife, the Queen, is a year older. The Emperor of Austria is fifty-four, and his wife is forty-six, while King Leopold of Belgium, forty-nine years old, has a wife aged fifty. One of the youngest monarchs reigning is King Alfonso of Spain, who has been twenty-seven years, and next to him come King George of Greece and Alexander of Russia, each of whom are in the neighborhood of thirty-nine. The Sultan of Turkey is forty-two. King Oscar of Sweden fifty-five, Louis of Portugal forty-six, Humbert of Italy forty, and President Grevy of France seventy-one. The wife of the Russian ruler is three years younger than her husband, the wife of the German five, and the Queen of Italy seven.

A Maine Farmer's Fish Story.

[Biddeford (Me.) Times.]

A farmer who was in town from Wells, Wednesday morning, related a remarkable circumstance which happened in his town one day last week. For some time past the herring have remained away from shore, and the fishermen were unable to obtain them in very large numbers. All at once they began to come in shore, even into the breakers, in immense numbers, probably being frightened by English or bluefish. The number kept increasing, and when the tide went out it left a place of about an acre completely covered with fish. In some spots, where there was a depression in the sand, the fish were piled to the depth of about five feet, and they floated in the shore and several carloads of fish to be used on their farms as fertilizers. One farmer obtained sixty carloads.

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Cincinnati & Mackinac Ex.	9:20 am	10:25 pm
Pt. Wayne & Grand Rapids Ex.	9:35 pm	9:50 pm
Grand Rapids & Cadillac Ex.		7:30

GOING SOUTH.

Cincinnati Ex.	Arrive.	Leave.
Mackinac & Cincinnati Ex.	4:35 pm	4:55 pm
Mackinac & Cincinnati Ex.	10:25 am	11:45 pm
Cadillac & Grand Rapids Ex.	7:40 pm	
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*Atlantic Express	9:45 pm	10:45 pm
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GOING EAST.

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N. Y. Express.....	6:00 pm	Mail.....	2:20 pm
Atlantic Ex.....	*9:20 pm	Way Freight.....	5:15 pm
Way Freight.....	6:20 am	G'd Rapids Ex.....	10:25 pm

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N. Y. Express 6:00 pm	Local Pass 11:20 am
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